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WHITE HOUSE ALSO FOR VICE PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT FOR THE VICE
PRESIDENT

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, IS, EG, US
SUBJECT: INVITATION TO LONDON CONFERENCE AND EGYPTIAN
COUNTERPROPOSALS

REF: (A) ALEXANDRIA 0527; (B) MONTO 2; (C) LEWIS/ATHERTON
TELECON
(D) MONDALE/LEWIS TELECON

1. I SPOKE AT LENGTH BY TELEPHONE TONIGHT (JULY 3) WITH BOTH BEGIN
AND DAYAN. CONVEYED VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FULLY (MONTO 2)
AND ARGUED STRONGLY THAT AN IMMEDIATE, UNEQUIVOCAL ACCEPTANCE OF
LONDON MEETING WOULD NOW PUT ISRAEL IN MORE FAVORABLE PUBLIC LIGHT
THAN AWAITING RECEIPT OF EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL. STRESSED THAT
LATTER WOULD CONTAIN NO "PRE-CONDITIONS".

2. BOTH BEGIN AND DAYAN WERE HIGHLY APPRECIATIVE AND
COMPLEMENTARY ABOUT VICE PRESIDENT'S ROLE. BOTH SAID THEY HAD
AGREED AFTER SADAT/MONDALE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT ANY ISRAELI
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STATEMENTS MUST BE POSITIVE IN TONE. (BEGIN HAD JUST COMPLETED
INTERVIEW WITH ABC NEWS, WHICH HE SAID CONTAINED SEVERAL POSITIVE
STATEMENTS ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR LONDON MEETING).

3. NONETHELESS, I STRUCK OUT IN TRYING TO PERSUADE BEGIN TO
ANNOUNCE TONIGHT HIS ACCEPTANCE FOR THE LONDON MEETING. HE
SAID EARLIER TODAY TO THE PRESS THAT FIRST THE CABINET WOULD

CONSIDER THE EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL; THEN, CABINET WOULD HAVE TO
APPROVE DAYAN'S PARTICIPATION IN LONDON. SINCE THE GOI HAS NEITHER
A FORMAL INVITATION NOR THE EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL AS YET, THERE IS
NO CHANCE OF MOVING THE GOI TONIGHT.
SUGGEST I DELIVER BOTH ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 5. AM CERTAIN
ANSWER WILL BE AFFIRMATIVE, THOUGH LIKELY TIME FOR RESPONSE
REMAINS LATE SUNDAY AFTER THE CABINET MEETING.
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